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TO : Coordinator External Research, OIC

FROM : Chief, Foreign Documents Division, OO

SUBJECT: Proposed Project on Current Chinese Press

1. The Exploitation Subcommittee of the Foreign Language Publications Committee has examined the needs for the exploitation of Chinese Communist publications and has made recommendations to FDD as follows:

a. Exploitation of "primary monographic sources" such as yearbooks, party tracts, compendia of laws and regulations on the basis of specific requirements resulting from periodic consultation with State Department.

b. Exploitation of any Outer Mongolian materials that may become available on the basis of specific requirements to be submitted by the State Department.

c. Periodic compilation of military information (Army, Navy, Air) from Current Chinese Communist publications.

d. Complete indexing of the two Chinese newspapers, the Peiping, Jen-min Jih-pao and the Tientsin, Ta Kung Pao.

e. Preparation of tables of contents of all economic and geographic Chinese Communist periodicals.

f. Preparation of annotations of all Chinese Communist monographs of intelligence interest.

g. Exploitation of Chinese Communist publications in support of specific projects initiated by intelligence and planning components of CIA.

2. FDD is proceeding to fulfill these needs and in addition is providing the following:

a. A weekly economic information report on China using current Chinese Communist newspapers and covering the fields of agriculture and forestry, trade and finance, heavy and light industry, mineral resources, transportation, water conservation, and cooperatives.

b. A biweekly sociological report on China using current Chinese Communist newspapers and covering the fields of minority groups, manpower, education, and personalities.

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3. FDD feels that the needs of the community have been adequately examined by the Exploitation Subcommittee and that FDD is answering those needs. Therefore, this proposed project would appear to be superfluous in relation to the needs of the agency as presented to the Subcommittee.

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